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RAILROADS REPORT IMPROVEMENTS

MOSCOW-KARAGANDA LINE GETS FAST TRAIN SERVICE -- Pol'shevik Altaya, No 104, 12 Jun 49

Direct passenger train service has been established between Moscow and Karaganda. The first fast train arrived in Karaganda from Moscow, via Kuybyshev, Chelyabinsk, and Petropavlovsk. The trip takes 90 hours. The passenger train consists of eight all-metal cars of modern design. Each car has its own electric power plant and ventilation system. The compartments are furnished with rugs, soft seats, and mirrors.

TRANSCAUCASUS SYSTEM ELECTRIFICATION PROGRESSES -- Zarya Vostoka, No 149, 31 Jul 49

At present about half of the freight handled on the Transcaucasus Railroad System is handled by electric traction. A complete changeover of the system from steam traction to electric traction would give an economy of fuel and lubricants of 85 percent, and would lower operational costs by 40 percent.

TADZHIK NARROW-GAUGE LINES EXPAND -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, No 149, 31 Jul 49

During the postwar Five-Year Plan the narrow-gauge railroad lines of the Administration of Narrow-Gauge Railroads of the Council of Ministers Tadzhik SSR have increased 7 percent in length, and freight turnover on them has increased 75 percent. During the first half of 1949 freight-handling costs on the narrow-gauge lines were cut 14 percent.

PRIMORSKIY RR SECTORS REACH 1950 GOALS -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 166, 16 Jul 49

The Voroshilov Division of the Primorskiy Railroad System has achieved the 1950 level in car loading and in average speed including stops. The Voroshilov and Manzovka Locomotive Depots completed in May the Five-Year Plan for medium repairs, and the overhaul shop of the Voroshilov Depot completed its Five-Year Plan in 3 years 5 months. -- A. Yatsynyuk, instructor of the Political Section, Voroshilov Division.

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PRIMORSKIY DEPOTS EXCEED 6-MONTH PLAN -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 154, 2 Jul 49

The Pervaya Rechka Passenger Car Depot completed the 6-month plan ahead of schedule and the Pervaya Rechka Locomotive Depot fulfilled the 6-month plan for washing repair 130.8 percent and 142.1 percent for overhauling.

RR WORKERS REPORT SUCCESSES -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 176, 28 Jul 49

Since the first of the year, workers of the Shepetrovka Section have handled more than 700 above-norm-weight trains. Locomotives are now repaired in 11 - 13 hours instead of the 22 hours required in 1948. The cost of repairing one locomotive has been reduced by 200 rubles.

The Nikitovka Depot of the North Donets Railroad System has introduced the cooperative method of locomotive washing repair, in which the locomotives are repaired by their own crews. The depot has completed the Five-Year Plan for locomotive washing repair.

The stations of Popasnaya and Lutugino have completed the Five-Year Plan for carloadings.

Krasnaya Zvezda, No 176, 28 Jul 49

During 6 months of 1949, railroad car workers of the Far Eastern Railroad System reconditioned 500 railroad cars.

Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 174, 26 Jul 49

A locomotive brigade at the locomotive depot of the Moscow-Butyraskaya--Yaroslavl' Railroad operated their locomotive 170,000 kilometers between overhauls as against a norm of 85,000 kilometers.

LOCOMOTIVE DEPOTS WIN COMPETITIONS -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 179, 31 Jul 49

The Moscow Locomotive Depot imeni Il'ich of the Western Railroad System has been awarded the Transferable Red Banner of the Ministry of Transportation and the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions for its successes during the second quarter.

In July the depot lowered the delay of locomotives in medium repair 0.5 day against the norm.

Izvestiya, No 180, 2 Aug 49

The Ivanovo Locomotive Depot has been awarded a second Transferable Red Banner by the Oblast Committee of VKP(b) and the Yaroslavl' Railroad System.

So far this year the depot has handled more than 500 above-norm-weight trains, in which were hauled 115,000 tons of freight above plan.

PRIMORSKIY RR DIVISION SEEKS WORKERS -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 150, 28 Jun 49

The Vladivostok Division of the Primorskiy Railroad System needs the following for work in Egershel'd, Cape Churkin, Gaydamak, Ugol'naya, Ozerneye Klyuchi, Maykhe, and Uglovaya stations: switchmen, car couplers, and yardmasters; also trainees for these positions. Apply: Personnel Department, Vladivostok, ulitsa 25-go Oktyabrya, 6. -- Advertisement.

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